

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

HIRAI, et al.

Application No.: 09/856,482

Filed: June 7, 2001

For: CRYSTALLINE AROMATIC POLYESTER  
RESIN PREPUFF AND MOLDED FOAM  
ARTICLE AND LAMINATED MOLDED  
FOAM ARTICLE USING THE SAME



Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: October 23, 2001

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified  
application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A moldable crystalline aromatic polyester resin  
prepuff, having a bulk density in the range of from 0.01 to 1.0  
g/cm<sup>3</sup> and a crystallization peak temperature in the range of from  
130 to 180°C.

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2. (Amended) The prepuff of claim 1, wherein the resin  
contains at least one unit of a unit derived from isophthalic